

## Electronic Prescription Records System Workgroup

July 12, 2018

### Meeting Summary

Key discussion items include:

- The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) structured the meeting to provide important background context about the law, purpose and role of the workgroup, and information about the current landscape of prescription medication reporting and availability in Maryland.
- Dan Morhaim, M.D., member of the Maryland House of Delegates, explained the driver for House Bill 115, *Maryland Health Care Commission – Electronic Prescription Records System – Assessment and Report*, and the reason MHCC was tasked to convene interested stakeholders to assess the feasibility of developing a statewide repository of patient prescription medication history. Dr. Morhaim also provided perspective as an emergency room physician about the difficulties of not having access to patients’ medication histories, noting the increased complexity of various drug classifications and the need for a user friendly, clinically helpful solution to reduce the risk of medication errors.
- Representatives from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and the State-Designated Health Information Exchange (HIE), the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), provided an overview of the role of their programs in the State and services available to the health care community. The PDMP aims to reduce prescription drug abuse and diversion by collecting and making available information on Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) Schedule II-V drugs dispensed to patients in Maryland. CDS data is viewable through the CRISP Clinical Query Portal to authorized users, and can also be ingested into electronic health record (EHR) systems; mandated use became effective July 1, 2018. Representatives from pharmacies stated there was no cost to upgrade their IT systems given the mandatory use requirement in statute; otherwise, vendors would likely charge.
- Representatives from Surescripts discussed their services that are integrated with EHR systems, including e-prescribing, prior authorization, and medication history. Surescripts is an HIE that operates nationally and has dispensed prescription medication data for about three quarters of U.S. patients. The workgroup discussed certain circumstances when Surescripts does not have data (e.g., when a pharmacy is not connected, instances when a patient pays cash/does not use insurance, closed systems like Kaiser, etc.)
- *Resources:* Workgroup members are encouraged to review the [CRISP](#), [PDMP](#), and [Surescripts](#) websites for more information.
- *Action Items:* Review and provide suggested edits on the draft listing of workgroup discussion items, including recommendations on the prioritization of these items in future workgroup discussions. The draft listing is available [here](#); a Word document was e-mailed to the workgroup on July 13, 2018.
- *Upcoming Meeting:* The workgroup will convene again at MHCC offices on Thursday, August 2, 2018 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm EDT. Meeting materials will be posted to the workgroup [webpage](#) on the day prior.